

A Vietnam veteran's daughter was surprised by the response she received to an inquiry about her father

## Daughter amazed by response on Dad

as he nears the end of life.

"I am currently in the process of arranging the last chapter of my Dad's life, as he is in care in the final stages of Alzheimer's Dementia," she has written on Facebook.

"My Dad is a Vietnam Vet, Flight Sergeant, 35 Sqdn R.T.F.V (RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam), an original 'Wallaby Airlines' member, and one of the people who undertook Caribou training in Canada and the US in 1963/64.

"I was at a loss as to how to proceed 'correctly' with arrangements and protocols for a VV funeral so contacted Wallaby Airlines – 35 Squadron, for guidance.

"'Sambo'(RFTV-35 Sqdn.org) contacted me by email and phone, and posted about my situation on the website, as well as contacting people in his own network.

"OH...MY...GOODNESS!

"In the last three days I have had an absolute avalanche of emails, calls,



and messages from people who either knew my Dad, or offered me the support and guidance I needed," she wrote on 13 February.

"I am in a constant state of humbled goose-bumps with the volume of support and

words 'Thank you' are just not enough.

Along with the words have come photos – absolutely priceless!

I would like to share here one of them, along with the description.

Names have been removed as per the request of the owner, who wrote:

"Photo was taken at Alice Springs just before we departed in A4-140 for Richmond on the last leg of the first Caribou ferry flight from Toronto, Canada – the date was 22 April 1964.

Bill (my Dad, far right – overalls) had been one of the maintenance party that was sent up to Butterworth to service the Caribous on their way to Richmond; the chap next to him is a Rad Tech, who had come with us all the way from Toronto.

"This was the first RAAF Caribou to land in Australia; A4-134 should have first but was slightly delayed at Djakarta so we were first in to Darwin (So Dad was in the first Caribou to land in

Hi Sambo!

Just to let you know - and to say a HUGE thank you - the second parcel arrived yesterday... what an amazing gift, thank you, thank you, thank you!

The pins will be worn by Dad's Pall Bearers [me included!] and we will be looking at displaying those fabulous posters at his wake. My husband and I will be claiming the caps 😊

I can't thank you enough.

Kindest regards

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